mittee held in October 1987, France agreed to support the Indian position for improved access to the EEC markets in respect of some products of export interest to India as well as to help in the product development in some of the selected sectors.

(c) The bilateral trade turn-over during the last few years has been as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	Imports from France	Export to France	Trade balance
1984-85	346·72	201·81	—144·91
1985-86*	572·71	195·19	—377·52
1986-87*	668 76	274 26	—394 50
1987-88*	243 37	81 31	—162·06
(April-June) 1987-88* (April-June)	151 65	51 21	—100 44

*Provisional.

(d) Implementation of different proposals agreed upon at the last Joint Committee meeting holds out a possibility of the bilateral trade imbalance being considerably redressed.

Pension Cases of Freedom Fighters of Orissa

1701. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pension cases of freedom fighters from Orissa pending with his Ministry;

(b) what is the number of such cases which have been pending for more than three years and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) During the special drive in July-August last year, all pending cases except 19 from Orissa were disposed of. However, these 19 cases havve also snce been disposed of. Some of the cases which were rejected have filed applications for review.

Border Dispute between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh

1702. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the border dispute between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh in respect of 140 Orissa villages known as Kutia group of villages still exists: and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government to resolve the ssue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa had filed a sut in the Supreme Court